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eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board
Information Exchange Workgroup
August 10, 2006

Location: 1 W. Wilson Street, Room B372, Madison
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members
- Scott Novogoratz
- Debra Rislow
- Susan Turney
- Denise Webb
- Hugh Zettel (Chair)

Resources
- Terry Hiltz
- Matt Miszewski
- Debbie Rickelman

Staff
- Seth Foldy
- Stacia Jankowski
- Audrey Nohel
- Judith Nugent
- Susan Wood

Approval of meeting minutes
The July 20 and July 27 minutes were approved as written.

Preliminary density of health information technology adoption
Debra Rislow provided an overview of the work conducted by Louis Wenzlow through the Rural Health Cooperative (RHC) and herself in identifying the extent of adoption of health information technology in Wisconsin. She reported that Mr. Wenzlow surveyed those hospitals within RHC and she worked to identify adoption statewide. The following challenges were identified: 1) a common definition of electronic health records (EHR)/health information technology (HIT); 2) whether to count efforts still in the planning phase; 3) organizations that were not willing to share this type of information; and 4) the broad range of providers, from hospitals to solo physicians and small group practices

Ms. Rislow reported that they had learned a great deal about the collection of this information, particularly that asking about specific components of an EHR and clarification about whether fully implemented or in the planning phase was important in obtaining good results. As a result of these efforts, she reported that: 1) HIT is becoming prevalent, but in varying degrees and is still fragmented; 2) health care settings are prioritizing this in their strategic planning; and 3)there is little density along the state borders, but a higher concentration in the southeast region of the state.

Susan Wood reported that she is working with Seth Foldy on a contract with MetaStar to get this type of information. She asked if Ms. Rislow would be willing to meet on this issue

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and share what they have learned, and Ms. Rislow agreed.   Ms. Wood will schedule a conference call with Dr. Foldy, Ms. Rislow, Mr. Wenzlow, and Caroline Coffey of MetaStar.

Report on eHealth Board meeting
Hugh Zettel reported that the Information Exchange Workgroup's report had been made to the eHealth Board on August 3, and thanked the team for their work in providing a good summary its activities. One comment received from the Board was noting a general focus by all workgroups on the exchange of information, with limited discussion about adoption. He said that the next step is to develop a firm set of recommendations with draft recommendations, ready for review in early October.

Mr. Zettel asked about arranging for some face-to-face meetings in the coming months.

Discussion of the priority options provided by the other workgroups
Mr. Zettel commented that in reviewing the options provided by the other workgroups, he sees a need for a mixture of infrastructure and exchange and recognition of the possibility of the need for phasing. The workgroup reviewed the list of options and agreed that there were no obvious omissions.   The workgroup discussed the need for a master provider index for authentication purposes, but discussed this possibly fitting into the identity/demographics area. Susan Turney reported that the Wisconsin Medical Society is working on a provider index for use by WHIO. Matt Miszewski said that the State of Wisconsin has been working on a federated identification model with the University of Wisconsin for providers and would be willing to provide additional information.

Proposed use case scenarios
Stacia Jankowski reported that the Patient Care Workgroup had met earlier that afternoon, and was proposing some additional changes to the use case materials that were distributed to the group. As these are updated, this material will be brought to the Information Exchange Workgroup.

Next Meeting
August 17, 2006, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.